

United States Court of Federal Claims

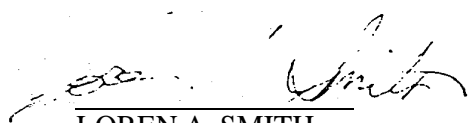
GENERAL ORDER NO. 36

Pursuant to the notice of September 3, 1993, proposing a revision of Rule 77(f) (relating to the assignment of cases), and upon consideration of the public comment received during the 60-day period provided **therefor** in the notice, it is this date **ordered** that Rule 77(f) be adopted without change as part of the rules of procedure of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

In the interests of economy, an individual mailing of the new rule will not be made. At a future date, an updated version of the Court's rules will be provided to all members. In the meantime, however, those desiring a copy of the new rule are invited to contact the Clerk's office, either in writing (United States Court of Federal Claims, 717 Madison Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005) or by telephone (202/219-9657).

The text of the new rule accompanies this Order.

BY THE COURT



LOREN A. SMITH
CHIEF JUDGE

DATE: January 24, 1994

In lieu of present Rule 77(f), substitute the following:

(f) Assignment of Cases

(1) After a complaint has been served on the United States, or after recusal or disqualification of a judge to whom a case has been assigned, the case shall be assigned (or reassigned) forthwith to a judge. The chief judge may reassign any case if the chief judge deems such action necessary for the efficient administration of justice.

(2) At the time a complaint is filed, or as soon thereafter as the identity of an earlier related case becomes known, the **filing** attorney (or **pro se** plaintiff) shall file and serve on all parties who **have** appeared a **Notice** of Related Case(s). Cases **are** deemed related when an earlier-filed case and the action being filed:

(A) involve the same parties and are based on the same or similar claims; or

(B) involve the same contract, property or patent.